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BRIDGES AND BY-PASSES, ROUTE 1A
NORTH VIETNAM

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS AUXILIARY BRIDGES AND ROADS BEING UTILIZED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO BY-PASS BOTH DAMAGED AND SERVICE-ABLE BRIDGES, IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN ROUTE 1A AS A MAJOR SUPPLY ARTERY AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION.

2. REMARKS:

ROUTE 1A, THE MOST IMPORTANT NORTH - SOUTH ROUTE IN NORTH VIETNAM, EXTENDS FROM THE CHINA BORDER TO THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER VIA HANOI, VINH, AND HA TINH, AND PROVIDES THE ONLY DIRECT BORDER CONNECTION WITH SOUTH VIETNAM. THE 450-MILE ROUTE GENERALLY IS IN FAIR TO GOOD CONDITION, AND TRAVERSES HILLY TO FLAT TERRAIN. EXTENSIVE FLOODING OCCURS DURING THE RAINY SEASON OVER MOST OF THE ROUTE. OFF-ROAD DISPERSAL IS GENERALLY DIFFICULT. THERE ARE ABOUT TWO HUNDRED BRIDGES: MOST ARE NARROW, LOW-CAPACITY STRUCTURES.

3. MISSION READOUT:

UE 800A, 16 JANUARY 1966, REVEALS THE FOLLOWING BRIDGES AND BY-PASSES ON ROUTE 1A:

A. THE KIM NAC HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER STREAM

LOCATED 0.5 NM NORTHEAST OF KIM NAC AT 1813N 10602E IS SERVICE-ABLE. A BY-PASS ROAD SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE IS IN POOR CONDITION.

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AN OCCUPIED FOUR-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE IS LOCATED JUST SOUTHWEST OF THE BRIDGE AND BY-PASS ROAD.

B. THE DESTROYED SON KINH HIGHWAY BRIDGE LOCATED 0.6 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF SON KINH AT 1811N 10611E IS BEING BY-PASSED BY A SERVICEABLE, TEMPORARY WOODEN DECK BRIDGE JUST SOUTH OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE. A SECOND BRIDGE IS NOTED JUST NORTH OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE AND APPEARS TO HAVE AGGREGATE APPROACHES AND A WOODEN CENTER SPAN. FOUR TRUCKS WITH POSSIBLE AAA GUNS APPEAR TO HAVE CROSSED AN UNNAMED STREAM AND ARE OBSERVED HEADING NORTHWEST. AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS AND PERSONNEL TRENCHES ARE LOCATED ALONG THE STREAM.

C. THE DESTROYED XOM CHEO HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE KHE DONG TRAM (RIVER) LOCATED 1.1 NM NORTHWEST OF XOM CHEO AT 1806N 10616E IS BEING BY-PASSED BY A SERVICEABLE ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION JUST EAST OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE. A CARGO TRUCK IS OBSERVED JUST SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE HEADING NORTH.

D. THE SERVICEABLE KY ANH HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER SONG CAU TRI LOCATED 0.7 NM SOUTHWEST OF KY ANH AT 1804N 10617E IS BEING BY-PASSED BY A SERVICEABLE BRIDGE JUST EAST OF THE KY ANH BRIDGE. SEVERAL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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E. THE DAMAGED QUYEN HOANH HIGHWAY BRIDGE SOUTHWEST NO 2 OVER STREAM LOCATED 0.9 NM SOUTHWEST OF QUYEN

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HOANH AT 1802N 10619E IS BEING BY-PASSED BY A SERVICEABLE FORD SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE.

F. THE QUYEN HOANH HIGHWAY BRIDGE SOUTH NO 2 OVER STREAM

[] LOCATED 0.7 NM SOUTH OF QUYEN HOANH AT 1802N
10620E APPEARS TO BE SERVICEABLE. THE SERVICEABLE QUYEN HOANH
HIGHWAY BRIDGE SOUTH NO 1 OVER KHE NUOC ([] LOCATED
0.7 NM SOUTH OF QUYEN HOANH IS BEING BY-PASSED BY A SERVICEABLE
FORD NORTH OF THE BRIDGE.

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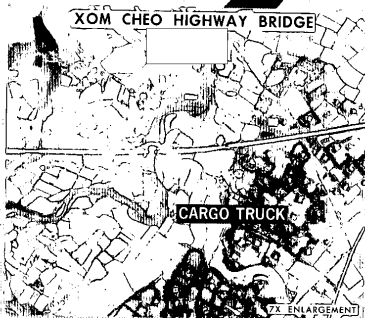
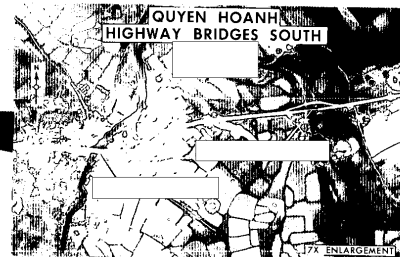
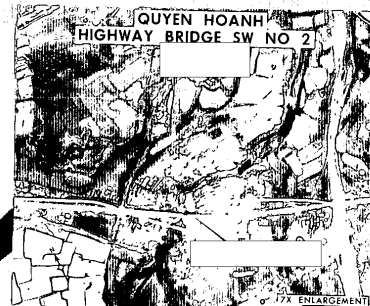
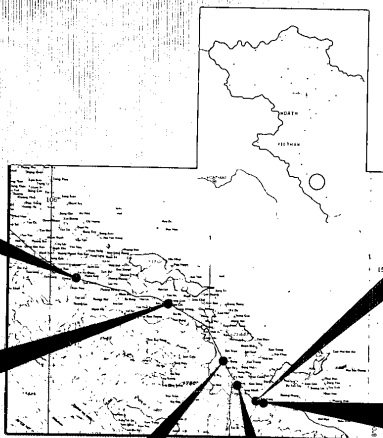
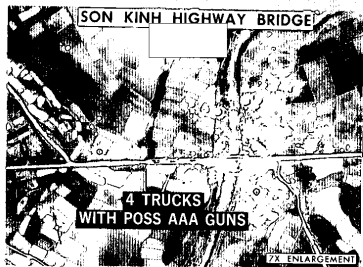
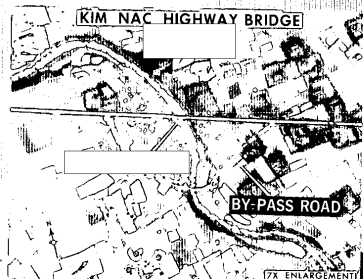
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